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25X1 1. Despatch of rolling stock to Czechoslovakia:

- a. Some of the rolling stock which had been concentrated in March 1952 at the Szajol yard near Szolnok, was sent to Czechoslovakia at the beginning of April 1952, when certain Soviet reinforcements were brought to Hungary. Further cars were despatched in the middle of May 1952.
- b. Between 16 and 19 May 1952, four trains, each consisting of approximately 30 flat cars were routed via Debrecen and Nyiregyháza to Czechoslovakia. All these trains were empty. Others were routed from Szajol via Miskolc to an unknown destination and were labeled as being in transit. Locomotives, which were supplied by Szolnok and Debrecen, returned to their places of origin.

2. Uniforms for railway security guards (Fegyveres Vonatkisérők):

- a. The Hungarian state railways' security guards, whose task it is to safeguard the trains transporting goods to the USSR, received uniforms recently. The uniform is black, with black cap, short boots and yellow shoulder boards. The cap badge consists of a wheel with wings and crossed carbines below the wheel. All are armed with pistols. The different ranks are designated by stripes on the shoulder boards; group leaders carry gold stripes and the others have silver stripes.
- b. These guards are quartered in military style at Záhony, Nyiregyháza and Debrecen railway stations and also possibly at other points along the lines that carry freight to the USSR.
- c. The Railway Security Guard is composed exclusively of young men with a knowledge of Russian who are selected by the Party. Their pay is increased by bonuses when they take charge.

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- d. Guards are automatically provided for freight trains destined for the USSR, but if they are required for other trains, this is indicated by using the word "Biztosítás" (Security) in a telegram.
- e. The Hungarian group leaders are responsible to the Soviet railway commanders.
- f. These special guards have authority over any civilians or railway employees traveling on the guarded trains.

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Comment. It is possible that these security guards have been put on to a military footing as a counter measure to alleged sabotage incidents on this railway network.

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